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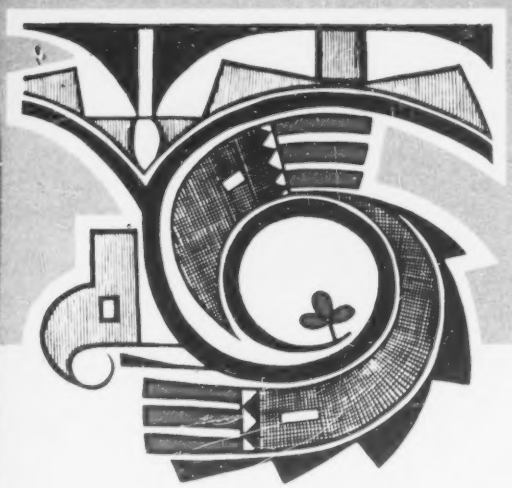

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HIGHLIGHTS

The number of unemployed in New Mexico declined by 1,200 and the jobless rate dropped from 9.0 to 8.7 percent this September, but both changes followed normal seasonal patterns.

Typically, September is a month of change. The new school term, the agricultural harvest, the annual State Fair in Albuquerque, and the end of the summer tourist season all result in sizeable shifts in the State's labor force in September. Large numbers of youth drop out of the labor force and return to school, resulting in a decline in both employment and unemployment. Educational institutions in both government and the private sector fill many non-contract jobs such as teacher-aide, food service, and janitorial which were suspended during the summer months. This results in sizeable employment increases in state and local government and in the educational services industry. Temporary workers hired to help operate the State Fair also add to state government employment in September. The passenger transportation industry records significant increases as school bus contractors gear up for the new school term. Food manufacturing businesses hire workers to process the green chile and other crops. Membership organizations close youth summer camps in September, and lodging places lay off workers hired for the peak summer months. Construction firms also begin to reduce activity in anticipation of the coming colder weather.

Unfortunately, the current employment estimates also reflect continued problems in the State's mining industry. The metal mining sector lost 300 jobs in September, largely due to an equipment breakdown at Chino Mining Company's copper smelter in the Silver City area. The October employment estimates in next month's Review are expected to reflect more mining losses. AMAX Chemical Corporation laid off approximately 225 workers in early October when it closed its Carlsbad area potash mine. Molycorp also laid off workers in mid-October with a 150 job cutback at its molybdenum mine north of Taos.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	650,700	643,200	642,100	+7,500	+8,600
Employment	593,800	585,100	597,000	+8,700	-3,200
Unemployment	56,900	58,100	45,100	-1,200	+11,800
Rate	8.7%	9.0%	7.0%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1985	Revised AUG 1985	Revised SEP 1984	Change From AUG 1985	Change From SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	520,400	512,600	514,300	+ 7,800	+6,100
MINING	19,700	19,800	21,200	- 100	-1,500
Metal Mining	2,900	3,200	3,700	- 300	- 800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	3,900	4,200	+ 100	- 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,800	12,700	13,300	+ 100	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	38,000	37,700	- 700	- 400
MANUFACTURING	38,100	37,600	37,900	+ 500	+ 200
Durable Goods	24,400	24,400	24,000	0	+ 400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,700	2,500	- 100	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	- 200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,000	3,500	0	+ 500
Other Durable Goods	11,500	11,400	11,500	+ 100	0
Nondurable Goods	13,700	13,200	13,900	+ 500	- 200
Food and Kindred Products	5,100	4,600	5,100	+ 500	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,500	+ 100	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,200	6,300	6,300	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	30,000	29,100	30,100	+ 900	- 100
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,400	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	6,200	6,100	6,100	+ 100	+ 100
Other Transportation	4,600	3,700	4,400	+ 900	+ 200
Communication	7,400	7,500	7,500	- 100	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	125,100	125,300	120,400	- 200	+4,700
Wholesale Trade	22,200	22,300	22,500	- 100	- 300
Durable Goods	13,000	13,100	13,100	- 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,400	0	- 200
Retail Trade	102,900	103,000	97,900	- 100	+5,000
General Merchandise Stores	11,100	10,800	10,400	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	14,500	14,600	14,500	- 100	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	38,200	38,400	35,400	- 200	+2,800
Other Retail Trade	26,300	26,400	24,900	- 100	+1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,800	26,000	24,800	- 200	+1,000
Banking	8,200	8,400	8,300	- 200	- 100
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,700	11,700	10,800	0	+ 900
SERVICES	112,500	114,400	110,800	- 1,900	+1,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,400	11,900	11,300	- 500	+ 100
Personal Services	5,400	5,500	5,600	- 100	- 200
Business Services	25,700	25,700	24,400	0	+1,300
Health Services	26,900	27,000	26,300	- 100	+ 600
Social Services	6,900	6,700	6,900	+ 200	0
Membership Organizations	6,800	8,200	8,700	- 1,400	-1,900
Other Services	29,400	29,400	27,600	0	+1,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	131,900	122,400	131,400	+ 9,500	+ 500
Federal Government	29,600	30,300	29,400	- 700	+ 200
Total State & Local	102,300	92,100	102,000	+10,200	+ 300
State 2/	47,000	41,800	46,400	+ 5,200	+ 600
Local	55,300	50,300	55,600	+ 5,000	- 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

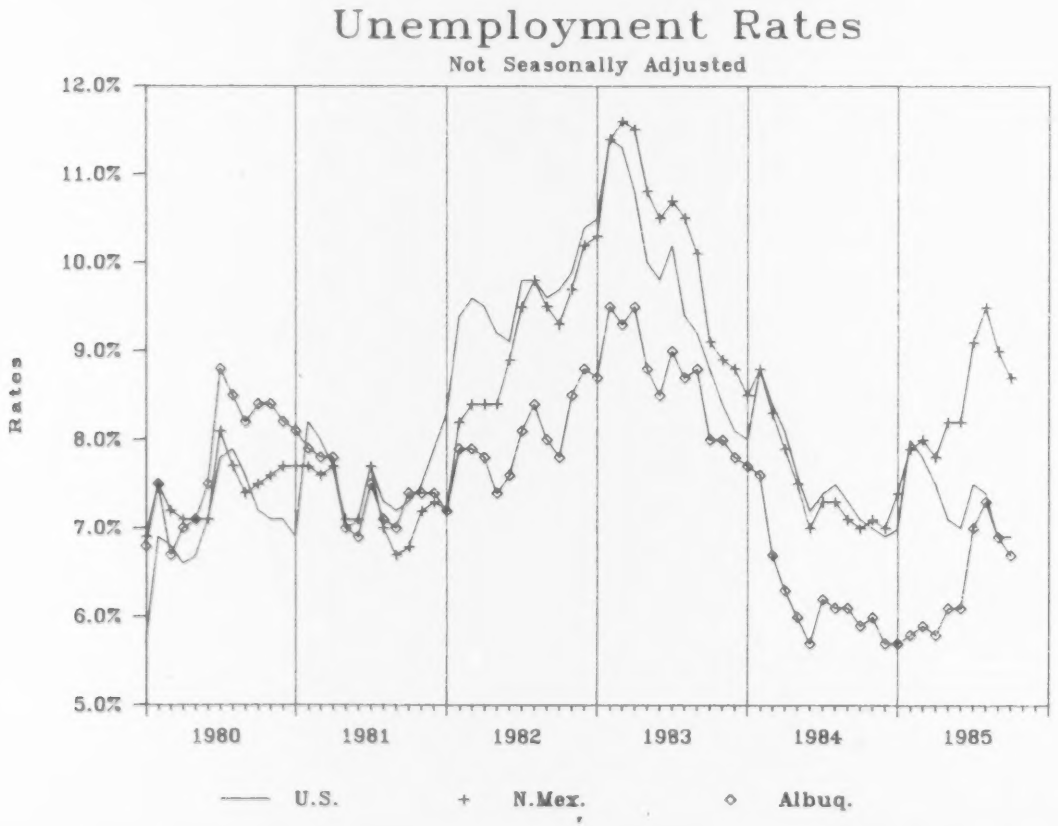
The Albuquerque area unemployment rate declined in September, as expected, mostly owing to the start of the fall school term. According to the preliminary labor force estimates, the Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, down from 6.9 percent in August. The number of employed grew by 5,000, while unemployment dropped by 200. However, the unemployment rate is still above the one year ago level.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 221,100 in September, an increase of 4,300 jobs from August. Seasonal patterns were generally followed in the over-the-month change, with the start of school and temporary hiring for the New Mexico State Fair responsible for most of the increase. The transportation subsector added 400 jobs as school bus contractors hired workers, education services added about 300 jobs, and local government increased by about 1,400. The increase of 2,900 jobs in state government was a combination of hiring in education and for the State Fair.

In comparison to September 1984, wage and salary employment has added about 8,100 jobs. The trade and services industries made up about 65 percent of this gain. The losses by machinery (-200) and electronic equipment (-500) maufacturing were partly offset by gains in transportation equipment (+200) and professional & scientific instrument (+200) manufacturing. The decline of 300 jobs in communications reflects a continuing 21-month downward trend in employment. This decline results from a myriad of factors including deregulation of the industry and the divestiture of AT & T.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	248,100	243,300	240,300	+4,800	+7,800
Employment	231,500	226,500	226,000	+5,000	+5,500
Unemployment	16,600	16,800	14,300	- 200	+2,300
Rate	6.7%	6.9%	6.0%		



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1985	Revised AUG 1985	Revised SEP 1984	Change From AUG 1985	Change From SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	221,100	216,800	213,000	+4,300	+8,100
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,800	16,000	0	+1,800
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,700	0	- 300
Durable Goods	13,400	13,500	13,800	- 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	6,000	5,900	5,900	+ 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,100	11,700	12,300	+ 400	- 200
Transportation	5,800	5,400	5,700	+ 400	+ 100
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	57,300	57,300	54,300	0	+3,000
Wholesale Trade	13,600	13,700	13,900	- 100	- 300
Durable Goods	8,800	8,900	9,000	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Retail Trade	43,700	43,600	40,400	+ 100	+3,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	- 300
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,500	+ 100	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,800	4,700	4,600	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	17,500	17,500	15,300	0	+2,200
Other Retail Trade	12,500	12,600	11,700	- 100	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,700	12,800	- 100	+ 800
Banking	3,200	3,300	3,200	- 100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,800	6,800	6,100	0	+ 700
SERVICES	55,900	55,900	53,500	0	+2,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	3,200	+ 100	0
Health Services	13,000	12,900	12,500	+ 100	+ 500
Social Services	2,700	2,500	2,600	+ 200	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,700	2,000	1,600	- 300	+ 100
Other Services	35,300	35,400	33,600	- 100	+1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,800	40,800	44,100	4,000	+ 700
Federal Government	12,600	12,900	12,000	- 300	+ 600
Total State & Local	32,200	27,900	32,100	+4,300	+ 100
State	13,700	10,800	13,600	+2,900	+ 100
Local	18,500	17,100	18,500	+1,400	0

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1985	Revised AUG 1985	Revised SEP 1984	Change From AUG 1985	Change From SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	37,000	34,350	35,800	+2,650	+1,200
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,700	3,400	3,750	+ 300	- 50
Durable Goods	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	- 50
Nondurable Goods	2,300	2,000	2,300	+ 300	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,350	1,350	+ 50	+ 50
Transportation	600	550	600	+ 50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	750	0	+ 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,350	7,750	7,400	+ 200	+ 550
Wholesale Trade	350	350	350	0	0
Retail Trade	7,100	6,900	6,550	+ 200	+ 550
General Merchandise Stores	900	700	750	+ 200	+ 150
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,300	2,300	2,600	0	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	4,800	5,000	4,600	- 200	+ 200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	+ 50
Business Services	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Health Services	1,150	1,150	1,050	0	+ 100
Social Services	350	400	350	- 50	0
Other Services	1,850	2,000	1,850	- 150	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,900	12,600	14,600	+2,300	+ 300
Federal Government	4,500	4,700	4,400	- 200	+ 100
Total State & Local	10,400	7,900	10,200	+2,500	+ 200
State	5,600	4,500	5,400	+1,100	+ 200
Local	4,800	3,400	4,800	+1,400	0

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,500 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,500 employment are rounded to hundreds.

2/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$495.62	$503.29	$488.58	42.8	42.4	41.3	$11.58	$11.87	$11.83
CONSTRUCTION	395.98	390.92	382.60	35.9	36.5	37.4	11.03	10.71	10.23
MANUFACTURING	346.88	336.94	312.84	41.1	40.4	39.7	8.44	8.34	7.88
Durable Goods	351.37	342.74	315.21	41.0	39.9	39.9	8.57	5.59	7.90
Nondurable Gds	337.83	323.01	307.33	41.3	41.2	39.3	8.18	7.84	7.82
COMM and UTIL	462.89	479.79	447.53	41.0	42.8	42.5	11.29	11.21	10.53
TRADE*	269.36	267.52	262.98	36.4	36.2	35.3	7.40	7.39	7.45
BANKING	224.96	206.80	211.29	40.1	37.6	39.2	5.61	5.50	5.39
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$332.07	$338.85	$307.33	40.3	40.1	39.3	$ 8.24	$ 8.45	$ 7.82

* Excludes Eating and Drinking Places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: A total of 4,238 New Mexico youth were hired this summer in the Summer Youth Employment Program run by the state Employment Security Department. The program, which ran for nine weeks, placed youth in 20-hour per week jobs in various non-profit organizations, such as city and county governments and public schools. Age and family income criteria were used to determine eligibility for the federally funded program.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Bohannan-Houston Inc., an Albuquerque-based engineering, planning, and photogrammetry company, has started construction of its new two-story, 26,000-square-foot office building located in the Journal Center. Intel Corp. has reduced the salaries of nearly half its workforce and will close all U.S. operations for six days around Christmas due to slumping semiconductor sales. A company spokesman said the 800 employees at the Intel plant in Rio Rancho will be affected by these cost cutting measures. Ross Stores, an off-price apparel retailer based in the San Francisco Bay area, opened a 34,000-square-foot anchor store in Ross Plaza at Montgomery and San Mateo NE in October. The store employs about 45 people. Construction is under way on a 41,000-square-foot office building located in NZ Business Park on Randolph Road off Yale Blvd. Lasertechnics Inc. and a New York-based venture capital firm have agreed to form a company in Albuquerque that will develop new technology for the computer-chip industry. The new company, Applied Electron Corp., could employ several hundred people within a couple of years. Two Houston developers began construction in mid-October on the $30 million AmeriWest Business Park. The park, located on 12.6 acres at Academy Road and Eubank NE, will include 210,000 square feet of office space built in four phases. Phase one of the project will cost about $7 million and include a 54,000-square-foot building which should be occupied by May 1986. Amberly Hotel, an all-suite hotel on Pan American Freeway, opened on November 1. Montgomery Ward, Dillards, and J.C. Penney started their part-time Christmas recruitment in late October. The three stores plan to hire about 150 people to help handle holiday sales. Mountain Bell has decided not to move about 155 jobs to its Phoenix operation, and the company will continue to handle New Mexico long-distance traffic in Albuquerque. G.W. Walker and Co. broke ground in mid-October on a 44,000-square-foot office/warehouse building at McLeod Business Park. Nuclear Pharmacy Inc. will move its Albuquerque administrative operations to California as soon as it can find a tenant for its facility in Albuquerque. The company's move to California will affect 60 local employees. Martinez Custom Trailers Inc., which currently employs about 70 workers, has been awarded a $270,000 state grant to train about 70 new employees. Construction is expected to start in December on a new 53,000-square-foot, $5.5 million shopping center on Wyoming NE near the now-closed Los Altos Twin Theater. The center is scheduled for completion by next April. Bealls, a speciality department store, opened its 50,000-square-foot store in Winrock Center in mid-October. The store employs about 75 people.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Ray Ward and Son Construction Company was the low bidder for a 19,000-square-foot addition to New Mexico State University's Alamogordo branch facilities.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The area received a severe economic blow in early October when AMAX Chemical Corp. closed its potash mine near Carlsbad for an indefinite period. Approximately 225 workers were laid off due to the closure. The action was a result of "deteriorating market conditions" according to mine officials. Construction on the new Wal-Mart discount department store in Carlsbad is progressing, and the facility should be open by early 1986.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Price Industries Corporation's new $6.1 million Clovis High Plains Mall opened on October 16 with

about 65 percent of its retail space filled by businesses. The mall has space for approximately 45 stores, including its anchor stores of J.C. Penney, Bealls, and Wal-Mart. Price Industries officials estimate that between 300 and 400 persons are employed in the mall. The Energy Fuels Development Corp. ethanol plant near Portales is expected to be in operation by early December. The $27 million facility will be the largest ethanol producer in the State and will employ about 40 full-time workers.

ESPANOLA AREA: Espanola Schools was awarded $1.4 million in state capital outlay funds for construction of a new kindergarden. Mesa Vista Schools received about $395,000 in state capital outlay funds to build a new library media center and special education rooms in El Rito. Construction is expected to start in November on a new $6.5 million subsidized apartment complex for the elderly.

FARMINGTON AREA: Farmington-based Mesa Air, a small commuter airline started in 1982 with a single airplane, has become the State's busiest commuter airline. Mesa will take delivery of its sixth airplane and initiate service to its 11th and 12th destinations in November. The airline, with about $5.5 million in annual sales, now employs about 100 people.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Work began in mid-October on the $380,000 water system for Bluewater Lake. A Fed Mart store opened in Zuni in early October. A total of 127 Navajo Tribal employees were laid off September 30 due to budget reductions by the tribe. The tribe hopes to place the laid-off workers in other tribal jobs. Laguna Industries at the Laguna Pueblo has been awarded a $46,000 state grant to train about 40 new employees. The Ambrosia Lake uranium mill tailings cleanup project is scheduled to get underway in late 1986. The $22.7 million project will employ about 60 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The new Charter Hospital opened in Santa Teresa on October 1 with a staff of 40. The hospital specializes in inpatient psychiatric programs. Two new lodging facilities, the 120-room Hampton Inn and the 100-room Quality Inn, opened for business in Las Cruces in October. The Reward Company, a pet food manufacturer in Chamberino, experienced another layoff in October, with 30 workers being furloughed. Reward had previously laid off 100 of its then 300 workforce back in June of this year. Dona Ana County commissioners have agreed to issue up to $8 million in industrial revenue bonds to help Foamex Inc. of Rhode Island establish a polyurethane foam rubber factory in the Santa Teresa Industrial Park near Sunland Park. Foamex officials want to break ground on the plant, which will employ about 50 workers, by the end of this year.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Work is continuing on Kaiser Steel Company's new Cimmarron coal mine west of Raton. Kaiser officials expect the mine will employ about 280 workers by the end of next year; however, most of the workers will be transfers from Kaiser's York Canyon No. 1 mine which is being gradually phased out of production. Construction is underway in Clayton on the new Union County Medical Center. The 3,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open by mid-January.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation is now listing all their job openings with the Roswell Employment Security Department office. The firm expects to hire approximately 100 new workers over the next few months for its developmental transport trailer operation. Construction has begun at several area schools as a result of the $17 million bond election passed earlier this year. Major contractors on the school projects include Armstrong and Armstrong, Mesilla Valley Contractors, and Courson Construction. A major film maker, Warner Bros., will shoot portions of a new movie entitled "Dress Gray" at New Mexico Military Academy in Roswell. Approximately 600 area residents are expected to be hired for the film.

SANTA FE AREA: The Santa Fe Hilton Inn has laid off about 80 employees while

undergoing a $3 million renovation. The Inn closed in late October for the work and will reopen in early December. The city Public Works Committee is considering the sale of 2.3 acres to Yarborough Time Ltd. in Valdes Industrial Park. The maker of clocks, trophies, plaques, and other awards is expected to employ about 30 workers by the second year and 50 workers by the third year of operation.

SILVER CITY AREA: The expansion project at the solvent extraction-electrowinning plant of Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone Branch is on schedule and should be completed by the end of the year. Approximately 90 workers are currently on the project, most employed by Brown & Root, the prime contractor. The expansion will increase copper production at the plant from 16,000 tons to more than 30,000 tons annually.

SOCORRO / BELEN AREA: New Mexico Travertine, a marble quarrying firm, has opened a $500,000 marble fabrication plant in Belen which will employ about 40 workers when in full production. The company obtains marble from a 2,000-acre travertine deposit about 20 miles west of Belen and then cuts the marble into building stone at the new plant.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp Inc., Northern New Mexico's largest employer, laid off about 150 of its molybdenum mine workforce in mid-October. The reason cited for the layoff is a worldwide surplus of molybdenum resulting in low prices for the product. Molybdenum is a hardening agent used in steel and iron production, and also as a lubricant. Molycorp's president said the facility may be forced to shutdown if company finances do not improve within the next few months. Prior to the layoff, Molycorp employed about 800 workers. Smith's opened a new 47,000-square-foot food store in Taos on October 1. The food store employs about 100 full- and part-time people. A $35,000 study for a jetport was approved by the village of Questa in late October. The study will look at four proposed sites. After the study is completed, engineers will do an environmental assessment and a master plan of the airport layout.

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
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NEW WOMEN WORKERS REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

A new report on the state's female work force is available from the New Mexico Employment Security Department. Women Workers in New Mexico contains statistical information on the changing role of women in the state's labor force. In addition, it addresses current issues of concern to New Mexico women and provides practical information which can help women in making occupational choices or planning career changes. Copies of the report may be obtained free of charge by writing to the New Mexico Employment Security Department, Bureau of Economic Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM. 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1985				REVISED AUGUST 1985				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	650,681	593,804	56,877	8.7%	643,188	585,103	58,085	9.0%	642,110	596,989	45,121	7.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	248,102	231,525	16,577	6.7%	243,287	226,502	16,785	6.9%	240,279	226,016	14,263	5.9%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	44,828	40,661	4,167	9.3%	42,839	38,467	4,372	10.2%	43,434	40,263	3,171	7.3%
Catron	1,003	872	131	13.1%	963	837	126	13.1%	1,034	942	92	8.9%
Chaves	25,260	23,173	2,087	8.3%	25,533	23,187	2,346	9.2%	25,546	23,315	2,231	8.7%
Cibola	10,862	8,821	2,041	18.8%	10,939	8,650	2,289	20.9%	10,859	9,328	1,531	14.1%
Colfax	7,046	6,352	694	9.8%	7,776	7,124	652	8.4%	6,966	6,465	501	7.2%
Curry	15,858	14,608	1,250	7.9%	15,869	14,554	1,315	8.3%	16,195	15,204	991	6.1%
De Baca	1,047	950	97	9.3%	1,026	945	81	7.9%	1,052	995	57	5.4%
Eddy	23,250	20,910	2,340	10.1%	23,282	20,843	2,439	10.5%	23,658	21,801	1,857	7.8%
Grant	10,010	8,009	2,001	20.0%	9,483	8,055	1,428	15.1%	10,211	9,103	1,108	10.9%
Guadalupe	1,605	1,415	190	11.8%	1,618	1,388	230	14.2%	1,578	1,501	77	4.9%
Harding	661	616	45	6.8%	664	623	41	6.2%	648	622	26	4.0%
Hidalgo	2,626	2,389	237	9.0%	2,550	2,295	255	10.0%	2,520	2,423	97	3.8%
Lea	31,250	29,498	1,752	5.6%	31,055	29,365	1,690	5.4%	31,292	30,041	1,251	4.0%
Lincoln	9,498	8,937	561	5.9%	9,460	9,022	438	4.6%	8,856	8,570	286	3.2%
Los Alamos	12,198	11,963	235	1.9%	12,174	11,937	237	1.9%	12,039	11,798	241	2.0%
Luna	5,523	4,630	893	16.2%	5,456	4,565	891	16.3%	5,540	5,054	486	8.8%
McKinley	16,969	14,649	2,320	13.7%	16,841	14,301	2,540	15.1%	17,760	16,059	1,701	9.6%
Mora	1,172	828	344	29.4%	1,193	809	384	32.2%	1,126	824	302	26.8%
Otero	15,601	14,290	1,311	8.4%	15,462	14,097	1,365	8.8%	15,608	14,610	998	6.4%
Quay	5,482	5,007	475	8.7%	5,442	4,971	471	8.7%	5,576	5,202	374	6.7%
Rio Arriba	10,934	8,838	2,096	19.2%	10,842	8,694	2,148	19.8%	11,575	9,932	1,643	14.2%
Roosevelt	8,143	7,704	439	5.4%	7,356	6,961	395	5.4%	8,016	7,716	300	3.7%
Sandoval	14,858	13,278	1,580	10.6%	14,719	13,111	1,608	10.9%	14,530	13,409	1,121	7.7%
San Juan	37,515	32,758	4,757	12.7%	37,518	32,431	5,087	13.6%	38,583	34,466	4,117	10.7%
San Miguel	8,992	7,810	1,182	13.1%	8,921	7,599	1,322	14.8%	9,212	8,198	1,014	11.0%
Santa Fe	44,863	42,193	2,670	6.0%	45,395	42,577	2,818	6.2%	43,480	41,479	2,001	4.6%
Sierra	2,627	2,414	213	8.1%	2,689	2,479	210	7.8%	2,622	2,497	125	4.8%
Socorro	4,875	4,464	411	8.4%	4,814	4,381	433	9.0%	4,832	4,494	338	7.0%
Taos	11,279	9,389	1,890	16.8%	11,421	9,513	1,908	16.7%	10,840	9,299	1,541	14.2%
Torrance	2,700	2,343	357	13.2%	2,780	2,428	352	12.7%	2,371	2,181	190	8.0%
Union	2,595	2,466	129	5.0%	2,690	2,543	147	5.5%	2,648	2,561	87	3.3%
Valencia	11,449	10,044	1,405	12.3%	11,131	9,849	1,282	11.5%	11,624	10,621	1,003	8.6%

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